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Request No. CRM-300678252
Blumenthal et al., v. NARA, 18-cv-2143
(D.D.C.)

Dear Ms. France:

This letter serves as the Second Interim Response for the above referenced FOIA litigation, brought by Senators Blumenthal, Leahy, Whitehouse, Hirono, Booker, and Harris. Their request, dated August 8, 2018, sought certain records concerning Justice Brett Kavanaugh, from January 2001 to May 2006.

Please be advised that a search has been conducted in the appropriate section within the Criminal Division, and twenty-seven responsive pages have been processed for this response.

After carefully reviewing the records, I have determined that these pages are of primary interest to the Office of Legal Policy (OLP) and the Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA). In accordance with 28 C.F.R. § 16.4(d) (2017), this Office is referring these pages to the Office of Information Policy (OIP), which processes FOIA requests on behalf of OLP and OLA, for processing and direct response to you. If you have questions regarding this referral, you may contact OIP at the following address:

Douglas Hibbard
Chief, Initial Request Staff
Office of Information Policy
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1425 New York Avenue, NW
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Additional responses on other records responsive to the Senators' request are forthcoming.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a

standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

Although this matter is already the subject of litigation, I am obligated to inform you that if you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,



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